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January 17, 1969

Memorandum to: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: Ramsey Clark
Attorney General

Re:

The memoranda listed below requesting approval of wiretaps or electronic surveillances which I have not heretofore approved are being returned at this time denied. For a number of reasons I have not felt any of them have been sufficiently justified by the evidence presented. This does not, of course, prejudice their resubmission if additional evidence supporting the request is presented, or their review by a subsequent administration.

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Memorandum

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Mr. C. Sullivan

Mr. G. C. Moore

RECEIVED
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 1-17-69

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

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It is recommended attached document regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. be furnished President-elect Nixon and the Attorney General designate, after the inauguration, in view of the agitation by some individuals and groups that King's birthday be made a national holiday.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, formed by King, held demonstrations on January 15, 1969, King's birthday, to urge that that date be made a national holiday. According to press accounts, Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy and other prominent Negroes met with President-elect Nixon on January 13, 1969, and Abernathy then urged Nixon to make King's birthday a national holiday.

Attached document, briefed down to half the length of the last write-up of King's career, sets out the extensive communist influence on King

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It is felt we should aim to have the attached document regarding King ready for delivery to President Nixon and the Attorney General on Thursday, January 23, 1969, in view of the inaugural events scheduled between now and that date. Upon approval of attached document, appropriate transmittal letters will be prepared and the document will be printed. When printed, the document will be classified "Top Secret." 3559

ACTION: *cc: [redacted]* 1/17/69 100-160670-2470

ENCLOSURES SENT TO [redacted] ARCHIVES UNDER COURT ORDER.

6 JAN 23 1969

EXPOSURE: That this document (a Xerox-copy of the original and yellow file copy are attached) be approved for dissemination by letter to President Nixon at the White House and to the Attorney General.

TJD:sd F(6) CRL

Enclosure

W.E.D #127 VI NM

Communist Infiltration
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Your memorandum dated April 2, 1968

~~TOP SECRET~~

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

January 23, 1969

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Deakin

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, founded by Martin Luther King, Jr., held demonstrations on January 15, 1969, King's birthday, urging that his birthday be made a national holiday. Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advocated national holiday status for King's birthday, according to press accounts.

In view of this, there is enclosed a document regarding the communist influence on King during his career [REDACTED] For your information, a copy of this document is also being furnished to the President.

JAN 23 1969

Enclosure

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TJD:sd (S) ON

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EXCLOSURES SENT TO NATIONAL
ARCHIVES UNDER E.O. 14176

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NOTE:

Classified "Top Secret" as information in this letter and in the enclosure, if disclosed, could compromise informants and jeopardize the national security. The Director approved memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 1-17-69, captioned Martin Luther King, Jr., recommending enclosed document be sent to the President and the Attorney General. See memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 1-22-69, captioned as above, prepared by TJD:sd.

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JAN 28 1969

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